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SUBJECT: SOVIET BID ON AUSTRALIAN HYDROELECTRIC POWER PROJECT

1. AT MEETING OF WESTERN EMBASSY E/C COUNSELORS ON APRIL 7, AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR BARRY HAIN STATE THAT THE USSR HAS TENDERED A BID ON AN APPROXIMATELY \$33 MILLION HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA. THE RESULT OF THE BIDDING IS TO BE DISCLOSED NEXT MONTH. ACCORDING TO HAIN, THE SOVIETS HAVE BID UNSUCCESSFULLY ON SEVERAL OTHER AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS IN THE PAST AND WINNING THE PRESENT COMPETITION SEEMS VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM. TO SWEETEN THE BID, THE SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED TO PURCHASE PRODUCTS, MAINLY AGRICULTURAL, FROM THE STATE OF VICTORIA, WHOSE AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION. HAIN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IF THE SOVIET BID IS ACCEPTED, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN PURCHASES IN VICTORIA THE USSR WOULD HAVE MADE ANYWAY AND PURCHASES ARISING OUT OF THE SUCCESSFUL TENDER. HE SAID, "THIS BRIDGE WOULD HAVE TO BE CROSSED LATER."

2. COMMENT: SOVIETS HAVE SOUGHT IN THE PAST TO PROVIDE POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT FOR PROJECTS IN WESTERN COUNTRIES,
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INCLUDING THE US, NOT ONLY TO EARN HARD CURRENCY BUT TO WIN GREATER ACCEPTANCE FOR SOVIET MANUFACTURED GOODS OVERALL. THE SOVIETS IN THIS CASE MAY BE LOOKING FOR A "PRESTIGE" BREAKTHROUGH.
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